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Floor display Mid Yr show 2019 (equivalent of Aug. 1 & 2 Winter Show at Klemzig this year), but this year's August dates mean we may expect to see more cyms. (see inside)

Meetings held on the third Wed. of each month at the Adelaide West Uniting Church hall.
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive Brooklyn Park.

Next Meeting WEDNESDAY July 15th 2020.

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1970	Spiro Drikas*	2005	Alan Davies, Iris Davies
1975	Elva Shawyer*, Gordon Shawyer* Edith Halliday*, Mervyn Green*	2013	Margaret Jacob
1976	Trevor Jacob	2014	Brian Brand, Shirley Brand
1977	Jack Moore*, Harold Luckhurst*, Ken Wynes*	2018	Lesley Gunn, Robert Gunn Don Higgs, Jane Higgs Jill Taylor
1986	Kelvin Staples*, Stan Johnston*		
1992	Peter Speer*, Deane Johnston, Frank Neighbour*, Nancy Neighbour*		
1996	Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver*		

*Denotes deceased member Researched K.Gurney Configured P.Simcock 2018.

2020 PROGRAMME July 15th 2020.

Steve Howard, local expert grower and presenter of many knowledgeable talks on orchids, is our first guest speaker since our enforced March Covid 19 layoff.

BIRTHDAYS for July 2020

Best wishes to these members who are having birthdays this month.

. Robyn Dunn	Mark Hockey	Pauline Hockey
Trevor Jacob	Rayne Riggs	Barbara Semmens.

We are obliged to comply with a Government approved Agreement for Meeting Procedures. Please follow distancing , attendance recording, supper procedures, and any other instructions to help us all **remain safe.**

Next Committee Meeting:	Pulteney Grammar School	Mon. 20th July	7.30pm
Next Judges Meeting	Pulteney Grammar School.	Oct to be confirmed	7.30pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:	Pulteney Grammar	<u>To be confirmed</u>	7.30pm

WINTER SHOW SCHEDULE 1st/2nd AUGUST 2020

GRAND CHAMPION
RESERVE CHAMPION
MOST OUTSTANDING SEEDLING

CHAMPION of OPEN DIVISION
CHAMPION of FIRST DIVISION

CHAMPION of SECOND DIVISION

LAELIINAE

Best Standard Laeliinae 80mm & Over

Best Standard Laeliinae Under 80mm

Best Non Standard Laeliinae

Best Standard Cluster Laeliinae

Best Non Standard Cluster Laeliinae

Best Laeliinae Species

BEST OVERALL LAELIINAE

PHALAEOPSIS

Best Standard Phalaenopsis

Best Novelty Phalaenopsis

BEST OVERALL PHALAEOPSIS

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Best Standard Paphiopedilum

Best Novelty Paphiopedilum

Best Species Paphiopedilum

BEST OVERALL PAPHIOPEDILUM

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

Best Australian Native Species (Epiphyte) not Cymbidium

Best Australian Native Species (Terrestrial)

Best Australian Native Hybrid (Epiphyte) not Cymbidium

Best Australian Native Hybrid (Terrestrial)

BEST OVERALL AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

GENERA Not Otherwise Classified Separately.

Best Dendrobium

Best Oncidium Hybrid

Best Oncidiinae Intergeneric Hybrid

Best Other Hybrid not elsewhere listed

Best Species Not elsewhere listed

BEST OVERALL ORCHID (Genera not otherwise classified separately)

ZYGOPETALINAE

Best Zygopetalum Alliance

CYMBIDIUMS

(judged separately for each size category)

Best Yellow/Green

Best Red/Pink

Best Brown

Best White/Pink

Best Any Other Colour

Best Non Standard type

Best Species

Best Cym of each Size category

Best Cym Species Overall

BEST CYMBIDIUM OVERALL

BEST SEEDLING

BEST SPECIMEN

All the above classes judged separately
for each Division (OPEN, FIRST,
and SECOND DIVISIONS)

DISPLAYS

Best tabletop display

Best floor display

Best Mini Tabletop display

PHOTOGRAPHY

3 Classes –Single bloom orchid,
multiple bloom orchid, general
gardening/horticultural scene.

FLORAL ART “ As you like it.”
(orchids to be included)

**DISPLAY OF ORCHID THEMED or-
RELATED CRAFT ITEMS.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

. The good sense of the South Australian public has enabled the Government to relax the lock down of our State and enable us to resume activities, but we must remain vigilant for our own and our families' sakes, so please, act responsibly and follow the rules. We have had to prepare and have an Action Plan for our meetings and shows approved by the Health Department, and heavy fines apply if these procedures are not followed

Our Plan for enabling members' flowering efforts to be shared will enable us to see a little of what we have missed in the months we were unable to meet.

I hope you all let off steam and support our forthcoming Winter Show at the Klemzig Community Hall. Distancing requirements mean we won't be able to sit together with a cuppa and food like we have previously, but even at a distance we can chat and once again enjoy our orchids together. Many of our members are in the senior age group, and it is imperative we remain aware of our vulnerability and keep ourselves safe. After all that, I look forward to seeing you all again soon, whether it is the coming meetings or whenever you feel it is safe and appropriate to again join your orchid friends in the enjoyment of your plants.

Trevor Jacob

WINTER SHOW.

This year's 2 day Winter Show replaces the Winter Show we previously held at a shopping centre. It will enable our members to bring out their plants and return to some sort of normality. We won't be able to supply lunches, but we will have cups of tea/coffee available, and visitors can make their own arrangements for food, keeping in mind any distancing rules which may apply

Trading Table We are able to present for sale any plants, books or sundry items which may not have been appropriate in a shopping centre environment, where we need to be more aware of shop traders objections to our sales. You will need a sales sheet for your items, prepared in advance, and you can collect these at our July general meeting (July 15th) from our treasurer or we can have some available for you to fill out at the morning of the show.

Times for attendance I will have the hall open at 7.30 on Sat morning to set up the tables for tabletop displays or floor displays. Please think about your space requirements, as different (more, we hope) numbers of plants might make your needs differ from what you needed when this Klemzig show was held early July..

Table top displays. Don't expect to win a tabletop display if you drop your plants on top of a bare table.

Some finesse will be enjoyed by the visiting public and the judges.



A well presented table top display

There should be ample room for more floor displays, but floor surfaces need protecting, and attention to details will be as important as it always has been previously.

Why not plan to enter a mini tabletop display? You don't need a lot of orchids, as you will have observed at our previous Klemzig Community Hall shows.



Orchids are important, but so are balance and finish.

Floral Art The theme has deliberately been left wide to cater for your interpretations. Orchids

should be featured (after all; it is an orchid show) but not necessarily predominate. Aesthetic values will be important, and we have an official Floral Art expert judge to adjudicate the entries.

Photography I have often heard people say 'I could have entered better pictures than the winners', but you'll need to think ahead and not leave your masterpieces home. Display of orchid related craft items. I've seen some marvellous entries over the years at a number of shows. Let's give it some thought, and make it an enlightening experience for the visitors. Not a competitive class just something different for visitors to see.

There are lots of classes in all divisions, so bring along your plants – it may well be worthwhile

Judging starts at approx.. 9.30am, but we should be able to organise the Sales benches to be open before the official Opening time of 12noon.

Opening times Saturday 12n to 5 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. We must be completed and out of the Hall by 5pm, and this includes any special cleaning we may be responsible to carry out.

THIS MEETING
Wednesday 15th July,
2020

We will have a return visit by our popular guest speaker Steve Howard who this time will tell us how he grows his phalaenopsis.

SUPPER ROSTER FOR 2020.

Different arrangements this meeting. We will set up an urn and tea/coffee station where you can individually prepare your own cuppa, and collect some biscuits, but don't forget the distancing rules..

CHEERIOS.

Pam Mattingly, one of our new members is in hospital, but is recovering. Get well soon, Pam, and we hope to see both you and Glen at our meetings in the near future. . Our best wishes to all of you on the sick list or recovering.

PLANT PHOTOS THIS MONTH.

Thank you to those who sent along photos to Anton Drew for inclusion in this month's portfolio, and thank you to Don Higgs who sent the seedling pictures on to the judges to inspect.

The first this month is a seedling phragmipedium from the Higgs's which flowered last month, but which I received too late for inclusion then.



Phrag Vampire Slayer

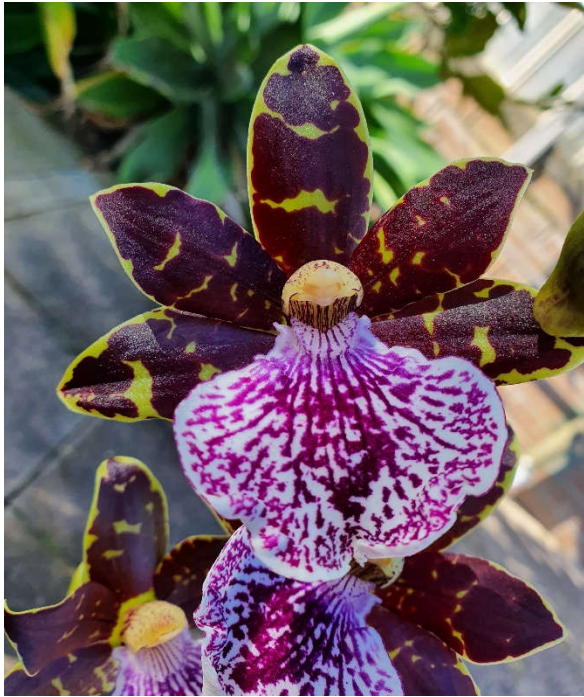
Next we have Peter Haltis's seedling *R/c. Burdekin Spice*, an Australian bred hybrid.



R/c Burdekin Spice.

Queensland breeders have been responsible for producing many high grade cattleya seedling crosses over the years.

Michael and Oui have submitted two seedlings they've just had flowering. The zygo crossing was obtained at one of our meetings in 2018, and their slipper orchid was purchased in March 2017.



Npp Beverley Road x Zga Conway's Choice.



Paph Hilo Super Green x Hsinying Bonjour



Den Hilda Poxon from T Jacob (15 spikes)

From the Secretary's desk. . .

Yesterday, as I was watering my succulents that decorate my dining-room window, I noticed that they had a white growth, probably powdery mildew. I referred to my friendly book of Garden Problem Solvers, and they suggested that this was easy to control with a dilute mixture of carb.soda, water and vegetable oil. This was duly mixed and applied, and the result is that after 24 hours, my succulents are looking very nice again, with no mildew. Time will tell about the permanence of the treatment, but it appears that some of the effective cures are sometimes the very simple ones. I also put my cyclamen outside on a couple of these very cold nights, and they are looking very sprite. I have now passed on my complete garden care dossier!! Watch out Jon Lamb and Sophie Thompson!

On a number of the properties in our area, Nerines are growing in prolific numbers. The children of one of our neighbours busied themselves, and removed themselves from the hair of their parents, and picked bunches of 6-8 flowers, and on the morning of Good Friday, delivered a bunch of Nerines to residents in our Gully. The smiles on the faces of the children had to be seen to be believed, and so much joy was shared by a small gesture.

I was speaking with a member of our Society a few weeks ago, and she was busy teaching her grand-

daughter to knit squares as part of a community service based assignment for Year 11 students at school – a great activity for students to give them a break from their computers and books, and ultimately, they will make a lovely gift for a lonely citizen.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the July meeting.

With very best wishes

Pauline Simcock

This next item is from Jane & Don Higgs about environmental maintenance for the native orchids at their Myponga property.

“PRESCRIBED BURN”

In our swamp areas we have over a hundred native plants which are considered endangered, or rare, including 22 species of native terrestrial orchids. Since these areas were fenced off from grazing in 2001, the more rampant of the native plants, namely tee-trees and coral fern, have overtaken the areas. These have blocked the light from the smaller plants and have made them very vulnerable. One such plant is *Praesophyllum murfettii* and for this reason there has been a prescribed burn in the pipeline for a few years. The burning doesn't affect the orchids as it is done when they are dormant.

Finally, this year in March it happened. It was quite exciting –

there were 5 large fire engines and several smaller vehicles involved with rangers and CFS workers overseeing.



The cavalry arrives.

A firebreak had been previously cut around the swamp in February in preparation for the burn. A pipeline (large hose) was placed all around the area to be burnt with hoses leading from it.



Before burning

Water was pumped from our river and firstly all the fence posts were well watered. The posts on the fence separating us from a neighbour were watered and then wrapped in insulation to protect them.



There she goes.

Once the wind direction had been ascertained, the fire was started around 2 edges of the swamp opposite to the wind direction. This fire was made to burn for about 2 metres in before the main fires were lit to burn with the wind.

As the swamp is made up of peat, when the fire was spent, great care was taken to put out any residual fires because peat can burn for days and also burn underground. The whole operation took nearly all day with a night team with thermal imaging cameras to check for hot spots remaining on sight till 10pm. The rangers continued to come back and check the area for several days afterwards. Luckily we had over 30 mm of rain a few days later which would have quelled any fire still lurking.



After the burn

We are now looking forward to springtime as it will be very exciting to watch what comes up, especially with the orchids as they will now be able to breathe and bask in the sun. Photos are of the swamp, before, during and after the burn.

Jane Higgs 2020

WELCOME BACK.

After a four month hiatus, we are now allowed to meet again, provided we meet the conditions of our COVID SAFE PLAN- STEP3.

We would like to see as many of you back at our July Meeting, as we can, BUT, if you are unwell, you will not be welcome, and we will appreciate your absence. (I suggest you contact someone present at the meeting to find out anything you need to know.) If all continues to go well, our **Winter Show, on Saturday 01 August and Sunday 02 August, in the Klemzig Community Hall,** will be able to proceed

. More details will be emailed, to those on email closer to the show, and things are finalised. Those not on email, may need to contact someone on email, or ring Trevor, Pauline, or myself.

Wednesday July 15th Meeting

Entry To maintain social distancing, could you ensure everyone in the porch area (between the two sets of double doors,) is travelling in the same direction, if not, please wait until porch is empty.

Keep to the **RIGHT HAND SIDE** in the foyer.

First Stop, hand sanitiser and paper towel and bin, if you wish to use it.

Second Stop, complete details on the **CONTACT TRACING RECORD**. This is compulsory or you go home. (This is only for use if someone has the virus and immediate contact needs to be made, details WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED TO OTHERS)

Third Stop, buy your raffle tickets, and your lucky square. Please bring correct money to minimise contact.

Movement around the Hall
When putting plants on the benches for judging, or filling in popular votes or viewing plants, please move around the hall in an anti-clockwise direction, we need to avoid walking head on towards other members.

Leave the Hall by keeping to the Right Hand Side in the Foyer.

For chats longer than a greeting,

there will be space at the end of the Foyer, this will allow members to move relatively freely in the Hall.

Seating the rows of chairs will be placed further apart, members who are closely related, or live or work together, are permitted to sit together but a vacant chair is to be left either side.

Judges will hold their meeting in the kitchen, both back rooms are unavailable.

Supper something hot or cool will be available after the meeting and we are working on something to go with it, but we cannot put open food out.

Cleanup we may be required to do a thorough clean before we leave, help would be appreciated, if not helping, you can continue your conversations outside. Gloves, detergent, disinfectant, etc., will be available.

Garry Simcock
COVID 19 Plan Coordinator

Thank you to all our members who have provided pictures and articles to keep our Review going whilst we have all been in lock –down It made my job of producing the Review each month much easier.

Editor.
